



THE GEORGETOWN BLIND BATS. Front row from left to right: Brian James, Lorenzo Fontini, Ken Nokes, Bill Webb and Wayne Denamore. Back row, Norm Topping, Ted Fendley, Paul Egerton (umpire) Mike George and Bill James. The members of this aptly named team come from the Georgetown Umpires Association.

The HERALD Angels come home to roost

"Okay, who wants to write up the game?"
 "Aw, come on Bob, we lost 18-11, let's keep it a secret."
 "Your coach, captain, president and sometimes catcher George 'Blasber Mouth' Evashuk told everyone that you were going to play Saturday night so they're expecting to find out who won; you or the umpires (better known as the Blind Bats.) So we've got to have a story on the game. How 'bout you Johnston?"
 "I haven't done a sports story in months, besides I'm on holidays."
 "If you don't do it, whoever does will tell how you struck out three times in a row!"
 "Well, if you put it that way..."
 BY Bill Johnston

The fact that the 1976 Montreal Olympics opened on the same day the Herald Angels began their season of exhibition softball games is purely coincidental. That's where all similarities end.
 Playing the Blind Bats - a group of men who normally officiate behind the plate, but for this occasion took to the field to show that they are, contrary to many fans' opinions, very good sports—the Angels had their problems putting it together and, somehow, lost by the low, tight score of 18-11.
 Pulling out a long list of "Official Excuses" the Angels' coach reporter-photographer George Evashuk pointed in particular to the fact that the Angels were at a definite disadvantage when it came to disputing calls made by the game's official officials.
 (The Herald crew felt that they had pulled off a major bit of maneuvering by getting Paul Egerton as home plate umpire and Irishman, Fantino Lorenzo as base umpire. Egerton happens to be the brother of two typesetters at the Herald. Unfortunately the Egertons must be having a family feud. No matter how much the Angels offered to pay him Paul refused to be out-bribed).
 "We're still trying to find the rule that allows a team of umpires to put an additional player on the field for every minute that it rains during the game," commented Evashuk. After a four-minute rain shower in the middle innings the Blind Bats fielded a team of 14 players (9 plus 4

equals 14? Whoever said umps could add?)
 By the time the two-hour game had raced through its four innings the umpires had received strong efforts from Bill Webb, Ken Nokes, Mike George, Wayne Denamore, Kim Crawford, Ted Fendley, Bill James (all of whom are umpires), and two ringers who actually know how to play ball, Norm Topping and Brian James.
 On those infrequent occasions that the Angels actually threatened (just before the game started) the Blind Bats also called on three more ringers, Linda George, Karen Hilliar and Wendy From, to bolster their offense.
 "We had to stick with a defensive game," said Evashuk. "We had to keep defending some of our players from some of the umps." While umpire Ken Nokes made some good pitches to Herald reporter Lynn Rhodes, his fellow umpire Bill James was having his trouble with Angels third baseman, or basewoman, or baseperson Liz Richardson, who was using an old trick used by Pete Rose to distract opposing runners: the old Blow In Your Ear Trick.
 The honours for top hitter for the Angels were shared by the husband and wife team of Bob and Iris Tunney, Shirley Jessup, Dave Hastings and Myles Gilson. Evashuk did note that he felt that Gilson could play much better ball once he was over the opening game jitters. The father of Hoyallettes' stalwart, Leanne Gilson, has obviously not been taking notes during the Hoyallettes' games but, under the orders of coach Evashuk, will be in the future.
 Three players, Brian and Tommy Hastings and Allan Barber who were coerced into action when two Angels regulars—Lynn and Lil—somehow got lost travelling from downtown Georgetown to the fairgrounds, played steady ball, thank goodness.
 As for the efforts of the other two Angels, coach Evashuk and Bill Johnston, it's best just to say that they were also there.
 Not satisfied with one defeat the Angels will go at it again tonight (Wednesday) as they face the Recreation Wrecks.
 The game gets under way tonight at 7:00 p.m. on diamond "G" at the Fairgrounds.

GFSa takes on professional

Professional figure skater Connie Swallow, recently hired by the Georgetown Figure Skating Club may have entered a different career had she been taller.
 "I always wanted to be a policewoman when I was a kid," said Connie, 19 "but I'm too short."
 Instead after nine years of studying skating in five Canadian cities, Connie turned professional in September 1975.
 She started training in Vancouver, where she completed her preliminary, at the age of nine.
 Then she moved to Burlington, finished up to the third level and earned her Junior Bronze Dances.
 At 13, Connie completed her fourth, fifth, and sixth figure skating requirements in London, Ontario.
 NOVICE LADIES
 1972 saw her place seventh in the Novice Ladies' Nationals Competition, at the age of 14.
 In Sarnia, she completed seventh level and Junior Silver Dances.
 After achieving her Senior Silver Dances in Toronto at 17, Connie reached her goal: Gold Figures and Freestyle.
 At the age of 18, she packed her bags for Newfoundland, where she had her first teaching job. In Stephenville and Port Aux Basques, she trained children aged three to 17 to skate competitively in freestyle, figure and dance.
 During the winter in Newfoundland, Connie produced four ice shows: Salute to Disney, Salute to Rock Operas, Salute to Broadway and Alice in Wonderland. She choreographed acts and designed costumes herself.
 Homesick for Ontario, Connie returned this spring. For the summer, she will teach skating in Owen Sound.
 September, she will join the existing professional figure skating coaches at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena: Rick Dowling, Gale Verhaegen, Janet Sell and Marilyn Barber. Connie will also commence training skaters in Burlington this fall.
 "There's nothing I'd rather do than skate," Connie said. "My dream is to have a world-calibre student."

Golf galore in area

Last Tuesday, July 13 the day ladies played a "Most Even-numbered Scores" event. Jane McNally was the 18-hole winner and Ev Patterson was the 9-hole winner.
 In the evening the business girls played "Hidden Holes" and the winners were Gail Finlayson and Verna Schenk.
 On Saturday, July 17 the Four-man Team event was won with a net 55. The team which was captained by Rick Collier also included Gerry Osborne, Max Brooks, and Jim Lindsay. Other teams and their scores were: Don Anderson, Ron Crosby, David Plouf, John McKeating, 56; Don Mallette, Rich Preston, Terry Madill, Jack Corman, 57; Al Wetherall, Don Ferguson, Ced Storr, Rob Franks, 58; Terry Hay, Rob Crichton, Ralph Sherritt, Bill Miller, 58; Reg Finlayson, Mike Makovnyk, Ron Peter, Andy Bazso, 58; Dave Alexander, Ray Mercure, Gib Hay, Jack Coulter, 59.
 On Monday, July 19 the ladies in the Sectional Four-somes for the Northern Division played at North Halton. Vi Capp won the low net for the day and the club standings were as follows: first, North Halton; second, Credit Valley; third, Chinguacousy. Each member of the winning teams won a golf ball.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Date	T BALL	Teams	Diamond
Wednesday, July 21		1 vs 5	(A)
Thursday, July 22		2 vs 3	(B)
Tuesday, July 27		6 vs 1	(A)
		5 vs 4	(B)
		1 vs 6	(A)
		3 vs 2	(B)
Thursday, July 22	PEE WEE	2 vs 1	(1)
		4 vs 3	(2)
Tuesday, July 27		1 vs 4	(1)
		3 vs 2	(2)
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(all games to be played at Armoury Field)			
Wednesday, July 21		3 vs 4	
Thursday, July 22		4 vs 1	
Monday, July 26		1 vs 3	
Tuesday, July 27		2 vs 4	

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